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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 10 to 25 July 1953

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REFERENCES 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. Between 10 and 25 July 1953, no aircraft or air activity was observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield which was guarded by VPL sentries.
2. No construction work was observed at the field from 10 to 25 July. All implements, tipping cars, steam and Diesel locomotives, lorries, rails and dredgers, except for one dredger which was located in the southwestern corner of the field were shipped away. The quartering buildings just north of Neupurschwitz, which previously housed workers, were no longer observed lighted at night. The only light observed was in the temporary building which was occupied by the construction staff of the Bauunion Sued. On 15 July, paving stones arrived at the field and were stored in four large piles.

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4. On 21 July, no aircraft or air activity was observed at the field. The dredgers which had removed the mounds of dirt in the northwestern and northeastern corners of the field were no longer seen. South of Litten were dredgers which were loading earth onto four trucks. A harrow and a grader were towed across the field. A device of some sort, about 2 meters wide, 50 cm high and about 150 meters long, attached to wooden poles, looking very similar to a wire entanglement, was observed along the eastern extension of the runway.
5. The three van-like construction cars of the Bauunion Sued, which previously had been located in Neupurschwitz, were not observed there on 21 July. A temporary quartering building had also been removed. A sizeable number of paving stones were stored at the southwestern section of the field. On the Bautzen-Weissenberg road at the entrance to the field, two women were leveling the ground, apparently preparing it for paving. The fence around the field had been completed. The previous flying lanes had also been fenced off. One entrance gate to the field was guarded by VP sentries with blue collar patches and two other gates were guarded by civilian workers.

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[] Comment. Construction work at Bautzen-Litten airfield has probably stopped. At present, it appears not to have been intended to resume improvement work on the matting-covered runway which, allegedly, is not serviceable. Possibly, work will be accelerated on the VPL airfields at Jocksdorf and Bremenham, where concrete runways are now under construction. The present location of the 603d VPL Regt, which had formerly been stationed in Bautzen and, in January 1953, was transferred to Cottbus, is not known at present. Cottbus airfield was vacated about 21 July 1953. [] It is possible that all the air units of the 600th VPL Div are now stationed at Drewitz airfield. A sketch of the construction sites at Bautzen-Litten airfield was forwarded previously. []

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